

PFAS pollution of waterways and aquifers on Whidbey Island by the Navy.txt

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Ms. Molloy,

I am a homeowner who lives approximately (b) (6) of NASWI Ault Field. I have been following in the news for some time the pollution of wells and ground water in our area from PFAS chemicals which have run off the Navy Base.

So far I have put good faith in the Navy that if pollution was found they will make it right. I have lost faith in this approach however because the Navy is being less than transparent on what tests have been done, where, when, and findings.

The area where I live has approximately 250 homes that share a common water supply from wells. The area is known as Dugualla Bay Heights and the well is located very near (b) (6) Oak Harbor, WA 98277.

In addition another troubling development is the appearance of PFAS chemicals in Dugualla Bay. There are tens of thousands of pounds of Dungeness Crab harvested in this bay by recreational and tribal fishermen. The tribe sells much of their catch commercially. It appears people are purchasing and eating this crab without the knowledge that it comes from contaminated waters.

We need the EPA to be our voice and advocate to demand transparency from the Navy and to demand they get in front of this issue so migration of the chemicals, if and as it happens is public knowledge and effective action taken so people have clean and safe water. Also, if contaminated shellfish is being sold that needs to stop.

Thank you for your time and advocacy in protecting us and our water and environment.

Mike Henderson

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